

## **U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

# **News Release**

### ***Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge***

**P.O. Box 62**

**Chincoteague Island, VA 23336**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Date: June 9, 2011**

**Phone: 757-336-6122**

### **Calling all kids for Children in the Woods Day Camp at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge!**

Good News! If your child wanted to attend the Children in the Woods Day Camp, spaces are still open for the July 18 – 22 and August 1 – 5 dates. Applications will now be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Camp is full of fun, educational, outdoor activities that explore the 6 priority uses of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Activities include crabbing, clamming, bird walks, surf fishing, bicycling, and kayaking. . Day Camp is offered to children who have successfully completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grades by summer 2011 (and are between 8 and 11 years old).

Applications for the Children in the Woods Day Camp are available at the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center and online at [www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco). Campers who already applied this year may not apply for additional dates. Applications for the camp must be hand delivered or received in the refuge office by 5pm on July 1, 2011. There is a fee of \$50.00 per participant, but scholarships are available.

**If mailing, send application(s) to:**

**Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge**

**Attn: Children in the Woods Day Camp**

**P.O. Box 62**

**Chincoteague, VA 23336**

The Children in the Woods Day Camp is sponsored by the Chincoteague Natural History Association. To learn more and see memorable photos from last year, visit their website at [www.piping-plover.org](http://www.piping-plover.org). Go to the Kids Corner tab and click on Children in the Woods.

For more information, contact Aubrey Hall, Park Ranger, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at (757) 336-6122 ext. 324.

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# Children in the Woods Day Camp

## Summer 2011

### Camper Information

Name of Camper: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female (Circle one)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one) T-shirt Size: S/M/L (Circle One)

### Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one)

Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one)

### Health Information

Food/Medication Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Do you carry insurance? Yes / No (Circle one) If so, indicate carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Policy/Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Important Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*optional information

For Office Use Only  
App ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out a separate application for each child. Campers may *attend* only one week of camp per summer. Campers who have already been select may not apply for an additional date. Please select the preferred week of camp below.

July 18 – 22 \_\_\_\_\_

August 1 – 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Please read and complete the following:

I hereby request that my child be added to the list for the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge (CNWR) Children in the Woods Day Camp. I understand and am aware that my child will be participating in many physical activities and that the potential for accidents does occur. In consideration of acceptance to Children in the Woods Day Camp the following statements apply.

- I indemnify and hold harmless the Chincoteague Natural History Association, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and/or its staff/volunteers from any and all liability, claims, damage, injury or illness sustained by my child.
- I grant permission for Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge to provide or obtain medical attention for my child in the event of sickness or injury and I understand accident insurance is not included in the camp fee. Should a camper require special medical attention, prescriptions, or hospital care during the camp session, parent(s)/guardian(s) shall bear the expenses.
- I understand that the Children in the Woods Day Camp will be held **July 18-22, and August 1-5, 2011**. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my child will be dropped off and picked up from the day camp on time.
- My child may be participating in the following activities: kayaking, archery, fishing, crabbing, clamming, wildlife observation, hiking, biking, photography, and other outdoor activities for extended periods of time.
- Applications will be taken until the sessions have been filled to 14 children per session or July 1<sup>st</sup> (whichever comes first). Children must have successfully completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grades by summer 2011 (and be between 8 and 11 years old).
- I understand that there is a \$50.00 fee to participate in Children in the Woods Day Camp. (Scholarships are available by request)

**All applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. The closing date for this extended application period is July 1, 2011. Applications must be received in the refuge office by 5:00pm.** Successful applicants will be notified by telephone or mail. Prior to camp, participants will receive additional information on what to bring, camper health forms, and more. If you have any questions throughout the application process please contact Aubrey Hall at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at (757) 336-6122 ext 324.

We expect selected campers to participate in all camp activities, in order to fully experience and enjoy the wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities being provided. Your signed application signifies understanding and acceptance of these responsibilities. In addition, should a behavior or discipline problem affect our work with other campers or their enjoyment of Children in the Woods Day Camp, we reserve the right to dismiss those campers responsible, without refund.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
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\*Application **MUST** be signed for applicant to be enrolled in camp\*

**Mail applications to:**

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge  
Attn: Children in the Woods Day Camp  
PO Box 62  
Chincoteague, VA 23336